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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method is provided to display a directory containing a list of items. A minimized representation of the items can be extracted by the user for a first evaluation of the items. Following a selection of the desired items more comprehensive representations are generated. These representations contain item information and means to communicate with other parties. The system also provides means for creating the representation of the items that do not require a direct access to the database of the directory.

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